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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080
Fumio KATO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3638
Application No.: 10/562,440 : Group Art Unit: 1745
Filed: December 28, 2005 : Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: ALKALINE BATTERY

STATUS INQUIRY

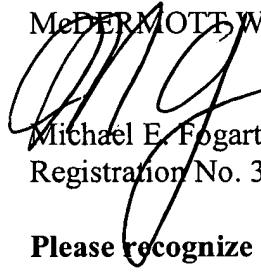
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on December 28, 2005. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no Office Action associated with said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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